

**Tularcitos Ridge Firewise
Meeting Minutes
Saturday, September 30, 2023, at 10:00AM**

Meeting began: 10:22AM

Present: Meredith May, Laura Anderson, Shaheen Kazi, Ron Hanik, Paul Campos, Joanne Fedeyko, Eugene Weiss, and Jenn Jackson

Presidents Report:

TRFW accomplishments: Co-President Meredith May gave a report about what we did this year. The POA and Firewise did a joint brush clean-up around the community water mid-tanks. Jason Campbell brought his trailer and hauled away 12 cubic yards of slash. 14 people showed up for the event.

TRFW had a Zoom presentation with Wanda Volmer about disaster preparedness.

Salinas Fire Chief Sam Klemek came to Tularcitos Ridge Firewise to teach community members how to program their emergency walkie-talkies. There is a link on the TRFW to purchase the walkie-talkie and instructions to program it. There has been a TRFW channel designated for emergencies.

We had a progressive walk/party to visit community members properties and share fire safety ideas.

Five CALFIRE defensible space inspectors came to Tularcitos Ridge and the group was invited Steve Park's home to conduct a fire safety inspection for neighbors to watch. A few other residents also had their homes inspected that day; others scheduled dates in the future for CALFIRE inspectors to return.

Treasurer's Report:

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Old Business:

Ron Hanik discussed his plans for a community directly map for first responders – One for Sky Ranch Road and one for Via Cielo. Ron brought a first draft of his map and a metal version. He has been testing light-fastness using different materials to protect the map. There was some fading when left in the sun even with UV film. A printed map on paper costs about \$40 a metal sign will cost about \$200.

Ron also brought an updated map with homes, water tanks, fire hydrants and pools marked. Ron sent an email form to the community to see if individuals want to be

included on the map. Ron also asked people to state whether they had any additional water sources on their property.

Ron has been working with Bob VanDyke to identify where to put the map on Sky Ranch Rd. Several locations were discussed. Ron brought several photos showing sign placement. Two possible areas are by the mail boxes and the turn-out below 34901 Sky Ranch. JoAnn Fedeyko suggested that a "You Are Here" STAR w/ arrow is placed on the map. It was also suggested to change the color of the roads from white. To reduce fading, a shade cover could be placed over the map with "SKY RANCH DIRECTORY."

Via Cielo and Sky Ranch will need to have maps installed. Laura Anderson will figure out where the Via Cielo sign will go.

The group decided that two maps were sufficient.

A motion was made to put the Sky Ranch Rd sign below 34901 Sky Ranch on the north side of the road (turn out). The motion was passed unanimously. The Tularcitos Ridge Water Company will be consulted as to where to place the sign, to prevent contact with water lines. The main water line is on the north side of the road.

Paul Campos asked about the possibility of a chipper, discussed last year. Meredith stated that the Monterey County Fire Safe Council is no longer answering her emails despite their promise to provide us a chipper last year (annual POA meeting 2022).

New Business:

There will be an Emergency Phone Tree drill on October, 27 2023 at 7:00PM. Meredith reviewed the phone tree protocol. Safety is paramount and community members should try to call their assigned person three times if there is no answer. Community members should program who they should be calling into their cell phones.

Meredith stated that next year it may be a good event to tour Linda Jardine's property and rebuild. Her new build incorporates a lot of fire-resistant materials.

Meredith acquired more used fire hose for another "tow chain cover" event next year. This chain covers will be distributed throughout Cachagua only – Robles Del Rio Firewise will handle Carmel Valley Village.

TRFW will continue to partner with the POA to clear slash around the Water Company's mid-tanks.

Laura mentioned that another event the TRFW should do is encouraging and educating the community to put the green reflective address signs to mark properties.

Shaheen stated that Firewise should have a table at the Cachagua Country Fair next summer (2024).

Next meeting: TBD

Meeting Adjourned: 11:50 AM